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In re Application of

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING COLD AND INSTALLATION THEREOF

**DECISION** 

This application is before the Office of PCT Legal Administration for consideration of matters under 35 USC 371, and specifically for consideration of the declarations filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on 16 September 2005, and 03 February 2006, and of applicants' "STATEMENT FURTHER TO EXECUTED DECLARATION" filed on 23 June 2006, which have together been treated as a request for acceptance of the application under 37 CFR 1.42 and 1.497(b)(2) as being filed on behalf of a deceased co-inventor. The request is **GRANTED** as discussed below.

A review of the application file reveals that the declarations filed on 16 September 2005, and 03 February 2006, when considered together and in combination with the statement filed 23 June 2006, satisfy the requirements of 37 CFR 1.42 and 37 CFR 1.497(b)(2).

A review of the application file also reveals that on 11 January 2006, the USPTO prematurely issued a Notice Of Acceptance Of Application (Form PCT/DO/EO/903). The notice is hereby **VACATED**.

The application has an international filing date of 11 July 2003, under 35 U.S.C. 363, and a 35 U.S.C. 371(c) date of <u>03 February 2006</u>.

This application is being returned to the National Stage Processing Branch of the International Division for further processing in accordance with this decision, and specifically for the issuance of a corrected Form PCT/DO/EO/903.

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